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SUBJECT: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER WISHES TO TRAVEL ON US
GRAIN SHIP

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BEST INITIAL APPROACH IN HANDLING
REQUEST OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER, DAVID BRILL, REFTEL,
WOULD BE FOR DEPARTOENT TO RAISE MATTER WITH IGOR AVERIN, CHIEF
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE,
WHO IS NOW IN WASHINGTON FOR SHIPPING NEGOTIATIONS RELATED TO
POSSIBLE US-USSR OIL AGREEMENT. AVERIN WOULD HAVE MAJOR INPUT
INTO SOVIET DECISION ON SUCH A REQUEST AND IS PERSON WHOSE
RESPONSIBILITIES BEST QUALIFY HIM TO DISCUSS QUESTION. SUGGEST
DEPARTMENT ALSO BRING FEBRUARY NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ISSUE WITH
ARTICLE ON SIBERIA TO AVERIN'S ATTENTION. SHOULD AVERIN'S
INITIAL REACTION BE FAVORABLE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT
CONSIDER PUTTING BRILL IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH HIM TO OUTLINE IN
DETAIL HIS PROPOSAL.

2. DEPENDING UPON AVERIN'S REACTION EMBASSY WOULD THEN APPROACH
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY
OF MERCHANT MARINE TO PURSUE REQUEST FURTHER, IF DEPARTMENT FEELS
IT IS APPROPRIATE.

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